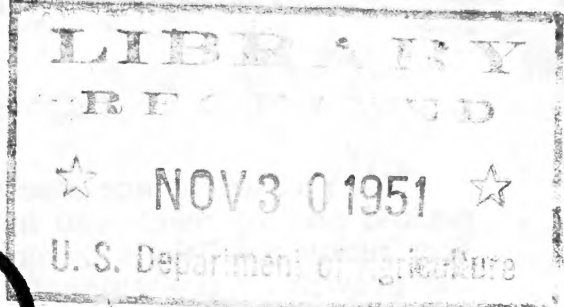


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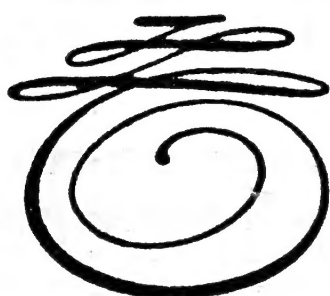


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**NURSERYMEN**



**PRICE LIST**

**FALL 1951**



**DOTHAN, ALABAMA**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We guarantee our stock to be well grown, true to name, properly packed and to reach you in good condition. Since we have no control over many conditions beyond that point, we cannot be responsible for the growth or fruitfulness of any plant after it has left our hands.

Unless otherwise stated, we will pay transportation on, and make no charge for packing bare-root shipments. B&B and container grown plants will be forwarded Express Charges Collect.

Remit by any convenient method - personal check, money order or other means. If you live in Ala., please add 3% sales tax.

If we are unable to fill your order due to hail, frost, prior sales or any other reason, we reserve the right to refund your money without further obligation.

This list cancels all prior quotations. Prices subject to change without notice.

R. L. Allen and Son

Dothan, Alabama

(Member, Alabama Nurserymen's Association)

## ABOUT HIBISCUS

There are many species of Hibiscus. The mallows, the altheas, even the cotton in the field and the okra in the garden are all related. However, when we say "Hibiscus" we are referring to the Chinese Hibiscus, so widely grown in Florida and year by year creeping northward in out of doors plantings. In the past two decades, species have been so freely crossed in the development of new and more beautiful varieties, that few, if any of the plants offered today are purely *Rosa Sinensis*, thus Hibiscus seems to be the only acceptable term.

Hibiscus is one of those plants that will stand an immense amount of neglect. On the other hand, it repays wonderfully to fertilization and fair treatment. It is fast growing, blooming on new wood, giving the buyer a prompt return for his money.

Almost any color desired may be had except pure blue. There are pure reds, pure whites, pure yellows and every conceivable combination of in-between shades and some of the lavenders, for instance the Myrna Loy, approach blue, leading one to think that sooner or later there will be varieties in that color.

There are many types of bloom. The singles vary from the narrow petaled windmill type to the broad petaled overlapping kind. Petals may be smooth and satiny or crinkled and creped. Blossoms may be nearly flat or distinctly bell shaped. The doubles run the gamut from semi-double with a few petaloids in the center through seemingly endless formations to the most complete double.

Hibiscus is hardy to a limited degree. Continued temperatures of 27 or 28 degrees may cause damage to the wood. Comparatively speaking, hibiscus is at least as hardy as the poinsettia, which has been grown successfully in this section for years.

In colder sections, it is suggested that, when freezing temperatures are expected, a mound of earth eight to twelve inches high be thrown up around the lower limbs of the plant. Further protection may be provided if desired. If the plant is damaged, cut off even with top of mound. As soon as danger of freezing is passed in the spring, remove the mound of earth. An easy way to do this with no danger of rubbing off buds that may have started into growth is to wash away the earth with a stream of water from the garden hose. In a short time your plant will be a bushy specimen full of blooms.

Hibiscus plants lend themselves remarkable well to growing as potted or tub specimens, thus making it possible for our northern neighbors to enjoy the beauty of this exotic shrub.

## HIBISCUS

### Single:

**MATENSIS.** Highly variegated foliage, green and white tinged with red. Small pink blooms. Sometimes called "Snow Queen."

**RUTH WILCOX.** Large, beautiful silvery white, long lasting flowers. Night bloomer.

**EUTERPE.** Salmon. Free flowering. One of the strongest growers.

**DARK EYED GRANDIFLORA.** Six inch blooms of old rose with darker eye.

**LUTEA.** Bright yellow with red eye. An old variety. Time proved.

**SINGLE SCARLET.** Large, bright red, Vigorous. A must for every grower

**FLORIDA SUNSET.** Petals yellow at tips, shade through orange to red throat.

**FIJI ISLAND.** Windmill type. Abundance of blooms. Rose with dark eye.

**PRINCESS TEKAU.** A pretty yellow, shaded orange. Blooms up to six inches across.

**LUNA.** Large, pure yellow, flat bloom. Really looks like the moon for which it is named.

**HONOLULU.** Buds show pink. Blossoms almost pure white. Long lasting blooms. Night bloomer.

**AGNES GAULT.** Very large satiny pink. Strong grower and free bloomer.

**BRIDE.** Very large, flat, crepey, overlapping type. Apple blossom pink fading to white.

**CALIFORNIA GOLD.** Large flat, light yellow with pink eye. Good grower.

**DAINTY.** (La France) Pink. Small flowered but profuse bloomer. Tall grower.

**FAIR JEANNETTE.** Orange-salmon with whitish center, pink at base of style. Extra large blossoms.

**FLAME.** Medium size flame colored flowers on strong, upright bush.

**FLOPPY TAN.** Good growing orange with limp petals.

**GLORIOUS B.** Large brilliant burnt orange with glowing red throat.

**HENDRY'S #60.** Very good golden yellow with red eye.

**L. G. DAY.** Bright yellow with white center. Very popular with us.

**MIAMI LADY.** Tall growing. Blooms pink w/ unusual veining of white.

**MINNEWA BELL.** (Bright Eyes) Light rose or pink w/ darker center.

**MRS. EARL ANTHONY.** Clearest yellow throughout. One of the most beautiful yellows.

**MRS. JOHNSON.** Colossal blooms of creamy pink. Blooms seven inches or larger under good conditions. Very fast grower.



### **Double or Semi-double.**

**FLAMINGO PLUME.** Strong growing, irregular double of good size.

Dusty pink. Perhaps a little darker than flamingo plumage.

**COLUMBIA.** Large bright pink. Vigorous plant. Beautiful.

**DOUBLE WHITE.** Creamy, five parted blooms. Petals sometimes tinged pink at base.

**DOUBLE RED.** (Hendry's #3). Blood red. Very popular.

**AMERICAN BEAUTY.** Large, fluffy blooms. Named for the rose it resembles.

**DOUBLE SPANISH RED.** The bright red of Paul's Scarlet roses. Very pretty.

**MAHOGANY.** As near brown as they get. Unusual.

**SEMI-DOUBLE ROSE.** Just what it's name suggests. Covers itself with bloom.

**DOUBLE YELLOW.** (Candlelight) Slow grower. Dark glossy foliage. The bright yellow blooms are gorgeous.

**DELORES.** Lovely irregular blooms of dark lavender, approaching purple.

**MYRNA LOY.** Unusual smokey blue with purple center. Blooms deepen in color with age.

**PEACHBLOW.** An old variety. One of the freest bloomers for us. Pink, of course.

**CHARLES JAMES, JR.** Base petals reddish orange. Center orange and gold. VERY striking.

**MADAM X.** Large, loose double. Variegated. White to pink. Petals usually white tipped, pink at base.

**MARY MORGAN.** Immense double light pink, a little darker than Peachblow. Very strong grower.

**LAVENDER QUEEN.** Very striking light purple with deeper color at base of petals. Sometimes yellow stamens peek through center.

**TALISMAN.** Full double. Cup and saucer type. Five outer petals deep yellow. Center filled with curled and curved petals of rosy orange. Far more beautiful than the rose for which it is named.

(Any of the above varieties in one gallon containers, blooming size, \$1.75 here, packing and transportation extra).

### **FLOWERING SHRUBS**

#### **ALTHEA**

Attractive, upright shrub with blossoms over a long period in summer.

**BOULE DE FEU.** Very double. Large red blooms.

**JEANNE D' ARC.** Double, pure white.

**ARDENS.** Lavender-violet. Double.

12-18" well branched 75c each.     3 for \$1.50

#### **GRAPE MYRTLE**

**WM. TOOVEY.** Deep red. Enormous panicles. Compact grower.

**WHITE.** Pure white. Strong grower.

**DWARF BLUE.** Low spreading growth. Lavender-blue flowers in loose panicles.

12-18" well branched 75c each.     3 for \$1.50

#### **MAGNOLIA**

**SOULANGEANA.** Symmetrical, upright growth, flowers appearing before leaves. Light pinkish blooms. Broad green foliage.

**SOULANGEANA NIGRA.** Similar to above but dark purple.

12-18" B&B \$1.75     18-24" B&B \$2.25

## FLOWERING POMEGRANATE

Narrow, glistening foliage. Neat and pleasing appearance. Almost evergreen in Florida.

**PINK.** Fully double carnation-like blooms.

**DWARF.** Double crimson blossoms.

18-24" \$1.00 each

## SWEETSHRUB

**CALACANTHUS FLORIDUS.** Chocolate colored blossoms in early spring have delightful aroma.

18-24" 60c each

## POINCIANA

**DWARF.** (Paradise) Shrub or small tree, seldom more than six or eight feet. Lacy foliage. Covers itself with orange, sometimes almost red, blossoms.

3-4' -1.00 each

## ROSE

**PAUL'S SCARLET.** The most popular red climbing or pillar rose. Often planted along driveways, in front of white fences, etc. Profusion of large, double scarlet blooms.

Two year #1 98c each

## EVERGREENS

### PITTOSPORUM

**TOBIRA.** Glossy green, narrow leaves arranged in whorls. Naturally forms symmetrical mound shaped specimen.

12-18" \$1.50 each

### HOLLY

**ILEX VOMITORIA.** (Yaupon) Small spineless leaves. Red berries hang on all winter, becoming translucent late in season. Very beautiful. May be sheared to any shape. Ideal for hedges.

12-18" B&B \$1.50 18-24" B&B \$2.25

### CYPRESS

**ARIZONA CYPRESS.** Pyramidal shape. Light green foliage with blueish bloom. Fast growing, trouble free. Drought resistant. Most beautiful of it's type. Perfect for living Christmas trees.

12-18" B&B \$2.00 18-24" B&B \$3.00

### LIGUSTRUM

**LUCIDUM.** (Waxleaf). Fine, inexpensive broadleaved evergreen used as specimen, foundation or hedge.

12-18" B&B \$1.50

### PODOCARPUS

**MAKI.** Narrow dark green leaves, paler underneath. May be sheared to any shape.

12-18" B&B \$2.00

## FRUITS

### ORIENTAL PERSIMMON

**TANE NASHI.** Large conical fruits are light yellow, deepening to red when ripe. A tree loaded with fruit is very showy. Finest quality, seedless, prolific.

2-3' \$1.20 3-4' \$1.60 4-5' \$2.00

### FIGS

**TEXAS EVERBEARING.** Large, brown delicious figs on first year wood. Hardier than most.

18-24" 75c each

### MUSCADINES

**SCUPPERNONG.** White or bronze. Very sweet. Plant near TARHEEL.

**THOMAS.** Purple, nearly black. Real muscadine flavor. Plant near TARHEEL. Nice one year plants of above two varieties.

70c each

**TARHEEL.** A self-fertile variety. Smaller than Thomas. Black. Heavy crops of fruit even when planted alone. Should be planted with such varieties as SCUPPERNONG and THOMAS instead of the usual space wasting male vines.

Strong one year plants \$1.00 each

## POMEGRANATES

One of the oldest cultivated fruits. Makes good jelly, adds color to salads, good for making an iced drink that's really refreshing, and delightful for eating fresh. Both fruit and flower are pretty.

**DE LUSCIOUS.** Vigorous, prolific. Vivid orange colored blooms. Round fruit is yellow blushed with red.

**RHODA.** An outstanding variety bearing large fruits of excellent quality.

**WONDERFUL.** Large, late fruit. Very colorful.

**SWEET.** The name describes it.

18-24" \$1.25      2-3' \$1.50      3-4' \$2.25

## BLIGHT RESISTANT PEARS

**PINEAPPLE.** Fruit large, juicy and attractive. Excellent for canning and cooking.

**KIEFFER.** Large golden yellow pear. Good keeping qualities.

**BALDWIN.** Fruit of highest quality. Superior texture and flavor. Fine for eating fresh.

**ORIENT.** Nearly round, Creamy white flesh. Mellow, delicious. Named and released by University of Tennessee.

3-4' \$1.00      4-5' \$1.25      5-7' \$1.50

(Why wait for your pear trees to grow to bearing size? We have a few bearing size Orient and Baldwin trees @ \$4.00 each F.O.B. Dothan.)

## CITRUS

(Florida law does not permit shipment of citrus trees into that state.)  
Our citrus is budded on trifoliate stock for increased hardiness.

## KUMQUATS

**NAGAMI.** Fruit olive shaped, bright orange color when ripe. Very showy. Skin sweet, inside tart. Makes the finest marmalade and good for eating right off the bush.

**MEIWA.** Fruit round, about one inch in diameter, yellow when ripe. Sweet all the way through. The best Kumquat for eating fresh.

Husky one year \$1.75

## SATSUMAS

**OWARI.** Best of all Satsumas. Delicate, sweet flavor. Seedless or nearly so. Fine stake grown plants.

$\frac{3}{8}$ " caliper \$1.50       $\frac{1}{2}$ " caliper \$2.00

## NUT TREES

### PECANS

There's nothing better for shade around the house and nuts from a few trees will pay your taxes.

**STUART.** Successfully planted over a wider area than any other variety. Good flavor. Keep well. Productive.

**MISSISSIPPI GIANT.** Bears young. Largest papershell variety. Widely known under various names: V-Giant, Mahan, Meyhan, Florida Giant, etc.

3-4' \$2.00 each    4-5' \$2.25 each    5-6' \$2.75 each    6-7' \$3.50 each

**SEEDLING.** The original trees of all named pecan varieties were seedlings. MISSISSIPPI GIANT, for instance, was a seedling found growing near Kosciusko, Mississippi. The original tree was sold for a large sum of money to a Southern nursery. Seedlings are usually vigorous and prolific and there is always a chance of developing into a superior variety. Our trees are grown from selected nuts.

Strong one year plants 50 cents each.

3-4' \$1.00 each    4-5' \$1.25 each    5-6' \$1.50 each    6-7' \$2.00 each



## CHINESE CHESTNUT

Pure *Castanea Mollissima*. One year trees usually bear in three years. Blight resistant. Fine sweet nuts. Plant two or more to insure pollination.

Strong one year trees 85c each, 3 for \$1.75, 12 for \$6.50

This year we have a few hundred nice two year trees. Nicely branched with well developed root systems. REAL trees. Some of these bore this year.

3-4' \$2.00 each 4-5' \$2.50 each

## ENGLISH WALNUT

WILLSON WONDER. Sometimes called "Jumbo". Nuts often measure more than two inches in diameter. Bear young.

3-4' \$2.25 each

## BLACK WALNUT

THOMAS. This grafted variety has nuts of the finest flavor. Thin shells crack easily.

3-4' \$2.25 each

## ORNAMENTAL TREES

### WEEPING WILLOW

SALIX BABYLONIA. Large spreading top with long, pendulous branches. The kind that is seen growing at Napoleon's tomb.

4-6' \$1.00

### LOMBARDY POPLAR

POPULAS ITALICA NIGRA. Familiar to everyone. Tall, pyramidical, rapid growing tree. Very desirable.

3-4' 75c 4-5' \$1.00 8-10 \$1.50 each

### PINK DOGWOOD

CORNUS FLORIDA RUBRA. No tree or shrub possesses a larger measure of attractiveness than the pink dogwood. Similar in every respect to the regular white dogwood except that blossoms are light red. A tree in full bloom is a magnificent sight in spring.

3-4' nicely branched trees \$4.00 each

### FLOWERING CRABAPPLE

HOPA. Dark red buds, deep pink blossoms and bright red fruit. Good for jelly. HOPA is a Sioux Indian word meaning "beautiful".

3-4' \$1.50 4-5' \$2.00

## GRASSES ETC.

### LINOPE

MUSCARI. Broad, dark green, grass-like leaves. Lavender flowers in dense spikes followed by black berries. Used as border plant, ground cover or pot plant.

2 to 4 bib clump 15c each 10 for \$1.25

MUSCARI VARIEGATA. Similar to above but foliage is beautifully striped with white.

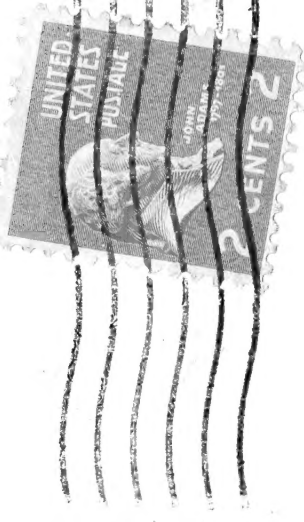
2 to 4 bib clump 20c each 10 for \$1.50

### ST. AUGUSTINE GRASS

STENOTAPHRUM SECUNDATUM. This broad leaved grass is excellent for shade as well as sun. Stands dry weather well and keeps its color better than most Southern grasses. Bushel sets about 800 square feet.

Per bushel \$2.25

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